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1. ARTICLE IV. 7/4 (RAPID RELOAD). SOVIETS TABLED THEIR PROPOSAL TO BAN RAPID RELOAD SYSTEMS FOR "FIXED LAND-BASED ICBM LAUNCHERS," THE IDENTICAL TEXT OF WHICH HAD BEEN PRESENTED AT 29 AUG. PLENARY (SEE REFTEL). DISCUSSION FAILED TO PRODUCE EXPLANATION WHY SOVIET TEXT COVERED ONLY FIXED NOT MOBILE LAUNCHERS. SOVIETS EXPRESSED THOUGHT THAT AGREEMENT ON RAPID RELOAD CONCEPT SHOULD HELP SIDES REACH MUTUAL UNDERSTANDINGS ON REST OF PARAGRAPH AND LEAD TO REMOVAL OF REMAINING BRACKETS.

2. ARTICLE IV. 7/4 (EXCEPTION FOR SOFT PAD LAUNCHER STORAGE AND SUPPLY PRACTICES). US EXPLAINED ITS PROPOSED AGREED STATEMENT TO PERMIT CONTINUATION OF PRACTICES AT CERTAIN OLDER SOFT PAD ICBM SITES, BUT NOT THEIR EXTENSION TO OTHER ICBM SYSTEMS. SOVIETS ARGUED THAT THEIR LANGUAGE, "THIS OBLIGATION SHALL NOT REQUIRE CHANGES IN THE PARTIES' EXISTING PRACTICES" WAS PROVEN LANGUAGE FROM THE IA AND ABM TREATY. IT PROVIDED AN EXEMPTION

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THAT PRACTICES PRESENTLY EXISTING COULD CONTINUE, AND THAT ONLY

SUCH PRACTICES COULD DO SO. SUCH PRACTICES COULD NOT BE EXTENDED TO WHERE SUCH PRACTICES DO NOT CURRENTLY EXIST. SOVIETS, HOWEVER, RESISTED US SUGGESTION THAT THIS IS WHAT THE US AGREED STATEMENT SAID, WHEREAS THE SOVIET LANGUAGE LEFT THE QUESTION OPEN.

3. ARTICLE VII (TEST, TRAINING AND SPACE LAUNCHERS). SOVIETS CONFIRMED THAT THEIR LANGUAGE FOR SUBPARA 2(C) WOULD BAN CONVERSION OF SPACE VEHICLE LAUNCHERS INTO ANY AND ALL TYPES OF LAND-BASED ICBM LAUNCHERS, INCLUDING TEST AND TRAINING LAUNCHERS. SOVIETS DID NOT CONFIRM THE OBVERSE, THAT SUBPARA. 2(B) WOULD BAN CONVERSION OF TEST AND TRAINING LAUNCHERS AT TEST RANGES TO SPACE LAUNCHERS. THEY AGAIN STATED THAT INTENT OF SOVIET PROPOSALS WAS TO BAN CIRCUMVENTION OF AGREEMENT THROUGH EITHER SPACE OR TEST AND TRAINING LAUNCHERS.

4. ARTICLE XVIII (SCC FUNCTIONS). JDT TEXTS WERE EXCHANGED. JOHNSON

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